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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES REIBOLDT (Sponsor), SMITH (120), LANT, WILSON, LOVE,
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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 262, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the right to raise domesticated animals.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 262, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 262.005, to read as follows:

**262.005. 1. Agriculture which provides food, energy, and security is the foundation
2 and stabilizing force of Missouri's economy. To protect this vital sector of Missouri's
3 economy, it shall be the right of persons to raise livestock in a humane manner without the
4 state imposing an undue economic burden on livestock owners.**

5 **2. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:**

6 **(1) "Generally accepted scientific principles", agricultural standards and practices
7 established by the University of Missouri, and the most current industry standards and
8 practices;**

9 **(2) "Humane manner", care of livestock regarding the livestock's health and
10 environment in compliance with generally accepted scientific principles;**

11 **(3) "Undue economic burden", expenses incurred resulting from changes in
12 agricultural practices deemed legal under current state or local laws or ordinances.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.